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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (Public Resources Code section 21108)

File Ref: A2413 SCH#: 2020039047

Item: 10

Title: Mad River Floodplain and Public Access Enhancement Project

Proponent: McKinleyville Community Services District

Location: Sovereign land in the Mad River, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Numbers 508-021-007 and 508-021-006, near McKinleyville, Humboldt County.

Description: The Mad River Floodplain Enhancement Project includes two primary components – restoration of floodplain habitat to benefit fish and wildlife and public access improvements, including a nature study trail and viewing areas. The projects will decommission and revegetate 4.25 acres of infrastructure in the floodplain to create wetlands, riparian habitat, and an off-channel habitat complex for anadromous salmonids. The State Lands Commission action is an approval of a 5-year General Lease – Public Agency Use through April 27, 2026.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission, as ☐ Lead Agency ☒ Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on April 27, 2021, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

1) The project ☐ will ☒ will not have a significant effect on the environment.

2) A ☒ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

3) Mitigation measures \boxtimes were \square were not made a condition of the approval of the project.

4) A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan \boxtimes was or \square was not adopted for this project.

5) A Statement of Overriding Considerations \square was \boxtimes was not adopted for the project.

6) Findings \square were \boxtimes were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The lead agency for the project, the McKinleyville Community Services District, adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) and approved the project on September 2, 2020. The California State Lands Commission has considered the MND as prepared for this project by the McKinleyville Community Services District and adopted an independent MMP incorporating the McKinleyville Community Services District's document. At this time, the Commission's offices are closed to the public due to public health and safety concerns regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Please contact Commission staff for the most up-to-date information on the availability of the MND and the record of project approval.

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